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Two members of the American team practising

ATHLETES IN THE SNOW

This week sees the start of one of the great sporting events of what promises to be an outstanding year—the sixth Winter Olympic Games, in Norway. Athletes of 35 nations will be competing in these games, which go on until February 25.

All the skating events will take place at the wonderful Bislett Stadium in Oslo, which has

accommodation for 28,000 spectators, but the ski-ing will be held outside the city.

Holmenkollen, scene of the ski-jumping events, and starting and finishing posts for the long-distance ski races, is a few miles out of Oslo; but the Downhill and Giant Slalom ski races will be run in mountainous country at Norefjell, some 75 miles from Oslo. Spectators who watch these races have to be prepared to use skis themselves.

It is not generally known that the Winter Olympic Games started in London back in 1907, but they consisted only of figure skating events, staged at the Prince's Ice Rink. Ice hockey was first included in 1920, when the Olympics were held at Antwerp, but it was not until 1924 that the Winter Games as we now know them were instituted at Chamonix.

Actually, of course, the type of events which comprise the major part of the Winter Olympics are of Scandinavian origin, so it is fitting that the Games this year, which promise to be the greatest ever, should be staged in Norway. In 1948 they were held at St. Moritz; in 1956 they will be held in the Dolomites in Italy.



Yvonne Sugden, the youngest member of the British team

PEGGY THE NEXT BEST THING

A trained chimpanzee was needed for a new Columbia film, *Jungle Manhunt*, so the producer sent out an urgent call. In the next four days 17 chimpanzees "applied," but none of them was suitable, and the producer was beginning to give up hope when into his office bounded Peggy.

She began her interview by jumping to his knees and taking the big cigar out of his mouth to smoke herself. That is the way to get a chance in films (if you happen to be a chimp), and Peggy

was then given a test for the part.

She walked an obstacle course through ashtrays, boxes, glasses, and other objects; she hopped into a pool, kissed the leading lady, and swung on chandeliers.

And all this was under bright lights to which she was unaccustomed; for having been a Californian rancher's pet she had had no experience of films. Needless to say, Peggy was taken on; and Johnny Weissmuller, who stars in the film, believes that Peggy has a successful career before her.

KING GEORGE OF BLESSED MEMORY

THE whole British Commonwealth is still reeling under the blow of the King's sudden death. Only a few months ago we were anxiously awaiting, hour by hour, news of His Majesty's progress during his grave illness; and when at last, as it seemed, the worst was over, we all rejoiced in the hope that he would be spared for many years to come.

Alas, it was not to be! Weakened in a way that few of us realised, he struggled bravely on. Then, suddenly, every home in the land was mourning one who had seemed a personal friend.

Certainly no king ever served his people with such devotion.

BORN at York Cottage, Sandringham, on December 14, 1895, he was the second son of the prince who was later to become George the Fifth. He entered the Navy and was present at the Battle of Jutland. After the war he qualified as a pilot in the R.A.F.

He then became a member of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he made a special study of civics and acquired that understanding of industrial problems which served him well all his life.

Created Duke of York in 1920 he identified himself with causes like the Safety First movement and the Playing Fields Association, and started the series of summer camps at Southwold, where boys from factories and public schools met in games and social activities.

Married in 1923 to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, he undertook tours in the Empire which culminated in the opening of the Australian parliament buildings at Canberra.

HAPPY family days followed in a London home where the whole nation shared their love and interest in their daughters, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. Then, unexpectedly, he was called to the Throne.

Once again he and the Queen set sail abroad, visiting France, Canada, and the United States, being the first British monarch to set foot in the U.S.A.

During the Second World War King George the Sixth proved a tower of strength, visiting camps, airfields, and munition factories, and crossing the seas to hearten his troops.

Outstanding events after the war were his meeting with President Truman at Plymouth after the Berlin conference of 1945 and his tour with his family in South Africa and Rhodesia.

THROUGHOUT his reign King George the Sixth strengthened the bonds uniting the British family of nations. By his force of character, by his nobility of purpose, by his personal example of service to the community, he was always an inspiration to his people.

Happy in his own family life, he was also a true father to the nation. When he made his broadcasts on Christmas Day everyone felt that they were listening to a true friend. Such was his devotion to duty that he insisted on speaking last Christmas, when he had only just come through the Valley of the Shadow. He told us then that:

"... if there is anything that we can offer the world today perhaps it is the example of tolerance and understanding that runs like a golden thread through the great and diverse family of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Those words have a poignant ring now, for no man ever offered a finer example of tolerance and understanding.

Now he is gone from our midst, leaving us the memory of a man who held the most exalted office, yet was renowned for his modesty and sincerity. No king was ever more widely loved, no king ever left the institution of the Crown more firmly entrenched in the affections of the people.

QUEEN ELIZABETH has succeeded to a rich heritage. Because she is the daughter of her father, and because she is beloved in her own right, she is assured of the loyalty of all her peoples.

Long may she reign over us!

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A stormproof torch for the Winter Olympics

BRITAIN INTENT ON PAYING HER WAY

By the C.N Press Gallery Correspondent

OUR national housekeeping becomes more and more perplexing as world economics grow more involved. So it will fall increasingly to Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and his Treasury colleagues, to explain the cause, apply the remedies, and fire the nation to new efforts.

For the present, the Chancellor is doing this in three instalments. Last November he announced certain monetary measures and cuts in imports. The import cuts came to £350,000,000.

When M.P.s reassembled after a two-month "thinking space," he announced another £150,000,000 of import cuts and various measures to trim our expenditure at home, and to increase exports.

The third instalment will be those fiscal measures (taxation) to be disclosed on Budget Day, which Mr. Butler has brought forward from late April to March 4.

GOVERNMENT'S RESOLVE

All these steps have one purpose: to make Britain's trading accounts balance by the end of this year so that the sterling area of which she is the heart will be solvent; and the Government express their determination to achieve this result.

The Opposition complain that many of the proposals are "irrelevant, unnecessary, and unfair." In no field has controversy raged more fiercely than in that of education, following the appeal of the Minister, Miss Horsburgh, to local authorities last December to prune their estimates by an overall five per cent.

Mr. Butler—after whom the 1944 Education Act is named—has stilled some, but not all, of the fears. He has made it clear that the school entry age will not be raised, nor the leaving age lowered.

But cuts will be made in the school building programme, and some Opposition critics believe there will not be enough accommodation for the now increasing school population.

This is a segment of the vicious circle in which the British way of life now revolves. Mr. Butler says the problem has been growing since 1900—this problem of how 50 million people are to live—producing exports to pay for the imports of half their food and also the many raw materials needed to make the exports.

Rearmament and the rising prices of food and raw materials have aggravated this problem in recent years, and the nations of the sterling area as a whole cannot earn enough to pay for all their imports from the main suppliers in the dollar area and from each other.

Britain is therefore like a man forced to draw on his bank balance to meet the bills his income will not cover. Mr. Butler, faced with Mr. Micawber's devastating arithmetic, aims to correct this in two ways—by cutting imports from abroad and restricting our right to buy what we need at home by diverting manufactures from our shops into the ships which carry them for sale to other lands.

TIGHTENING OUR BELTS

Charges on the hitherto almost "free" National Health Service, restrictions in tourist allowances, and hire-purchase agreements, economies in Whitehall departments, and other cuts in Government expenditure—all these are elements in the belt-tightening process.

Few will quarrel with the idea that Britons should be free and solvent. It is on the methods to achieve this that dispute arises. Of this, now and after the Budget, the Parliamentary phrase can be used: The debate continues.

CEYLON'S GREAT EXHIBITION

One of the greatest events ever to take place in Ceylon will be the opening of the Colombo Plan Exhibition this Saturday.

Some 15 nations will here display their finest products and at the same time illustrate the Colombo Plan under which Commonwealth countries have agreed to help South-East Asia's economic development.

The Ceylon Government believe that their exhibition will help the Colombo Plan to success. Moreover, they are extremely proud of their own island's achievements and progress since they were made independent before the last war.

During Britain's own Festival last year, Ceylon sent over exhibition experts to learn still more about how to arrange displays and make pavilions and gardens attractive to visitors.

Mr. Austin Frazer, who helped to plan the exhibits in the Dome of Discovery, has been to Ceylon

himself to assist in the completion of pavilions.

Now all is ready for the opening, and ~~the exhibition~~ will see gaily-coloured pavilions in a woodland setting where the weather can be relied upon to act like a sunny springtime in Britain. No insurance against rain will be needed in Colombo.

There will be a paved terrace walk, wide avenues decorated with ornamental pools and fountains, and an arcade of flags and banners will lead to an open-air theatre where 1500 people can sit.

In spite of all the magnificence, the thrifty people of Ceylon have managed several ingenuities in order to economise. The pavilions are prefabricated, and under their bright overlays the corrugated iron and woodwork structures have been carefully fitted so that they can be taken down when the exhibition is over, and re-used anywhere in the island to help Ceylon's continued development.

Man in charge in Korea

During the next few weeks the fate of Korea, and indeed that of the Far East, may well depend on the personality and character of one man—General Matthew B. Ridgway, the supreme commander of the United Nations forces in Korea.

Some say there was never anyone less like a General than the one whose soldiers know as "Matt," yet he is regarded as one of the best commanders of modern times.

General Ridgway's extraordinary feats of leadership in Korea have dazzled military experts. When he took over from General MacArthur last April it looked as if the U.N. troops would be pushed out of Korea, and that he would be confronted with another Dunkirk.

No such thing happened. General Ridgway seemed to electrify the whole battlefield and it was the Chinese and North Koreans who were pushed back.

AMONG HIS MEN

One reason why he was able to do that was the strong bond of affection he has created among the men he leads.

His troops often tell stories of the way he has rolled up in a blanket and slept on the ground, the same as the rest of them have had to do while on operations.

He has munched a hunk of bread while poring over a map making plans for the next attack. There is not a unit in his command he has not encouraged with his presence. Above all, dangers mean nothing to him.

Those who thought of him as a "back-room" planner, whose career lay in the spruce atmosphere of the U.S. War Department at Washington, first changed their opinions during the Second World War, when he was given command of the first airborne division formed by the Americans.

He was 48 then, and had never seen a battlefield in his life. Along with his men he underwent rigorous physical training and battle training in Africa.

PARACHUTING GENERAL

Then he dropped with them by parachute, first into Sicily, and later into France. In all his campaigns—and they have been brilliantly executed—he has always been on the spot when the situation was particularly desperate.

His one regret in the career he has chosen is that its duties keep him so long from home. He has a deep love for his family, and is very religious.

He is broad and muscular and not very tall, with a serious face—although he smiles readily—and his friendly manner disconcerts traditional soldiers who are only used to commanders who bark out quick-fire orders.

It now remains to be seen whether General Ridgway, the leader with the unexpected outlook, can induce the Communists in Korea to agree to an armistice that will ultimately bring peace to that unhappy country.

News From Everywhere

SCOUTS MEET

Protestant Scout leaders from all over Europe will meet at Genval, near Brussels, from February 19-22 under the auspices of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches. The Christian basis of Scouting will be among the subjects discussed.

Kirk o' Shotts, the Scottish television station, will open experimentally on March 14, using low power.

Mr. John Baskerville, of Curborough, near Lichfield, who is emigrating with his family to Canada this month, is taking his plough and a 12-year-old tractor.

WORTH COPYING

Six girls working in Newton Abbot shops have adopted 12 old people living in this Devon town. They will take them a little gift each week.

Approximately 12,574,700 broadcast receiving licences, including 1,181,000 for television, were current in Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the end of 1951.

The Scout canoe cruise will be held on the Trent, between Rugeley and Nottingham, from July 26 to August 2.

Sugar-beet factories at Cantley, King's Lynn, and Wislington, Norfolk, produced a total of 125,000 tons of sugar this season. This is sufficient to provide one year's rations for 8,615,385 people.

NOT HIS FAULT

A man who was stopped by a policeman for driving his horse past a red traffic light in Detroit pleaded that his horse was colour blind.

Two ships for Canadian routes (the Manchester Spinner, 8900 tons, and the Manchester Pioneer, 2850 tons) were launched within 20 minutes at Birkenhead.

Sweden is turning seaweed into paper which can absorb nearly 25 times its own weight of water. Made in several colours, it can be wrung out and used over and over again as drying-cloths.

The first of three donations of £10,000 towards the cost of an international students' centre in London has been presented by the Government of India to the Earl of Athlone, Chancellor of London University.

BOUNCING BOY

Seven-year-old Albert Magee of New York jumped on his bed with such force that he bounced right through the window and fell 80 feet—to land unhurt on soft earth.

After a working life of 72 years the famous gold mine underneath the New Zealand town of Waihi has ceased production. It has yielded gold worth about £20,000,000.

Nearly 30 Alsatian dogs are now being trained in Switzerland as rescue dogs, as well as the famous St. Bernards.

Bush Baby's baby bear



Bubbles, the South African Bush Baby at London Zoo, with a toy bear sent by a young admirer.

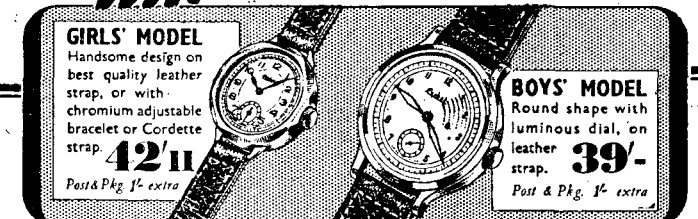
New types of uniform for postmen are to be given a year's test by the staff at Exeter and at Euston Station. It is hoped to provide a uniform that is smarter, cheaper, more practicable, and healthier.

CENTRE-PIECE

Meriden Cross, which marked the centre of England, will be the centre-piece at the Ideal Home Exhibition from March 4 to 29 at Olympia.

During a fireman's annual ball at Graz, Austria, the ballroom caught fire and was burned down.

AMAZING SWISS WATCH BARGAINS!



12 MONTHS' GUARANTEE

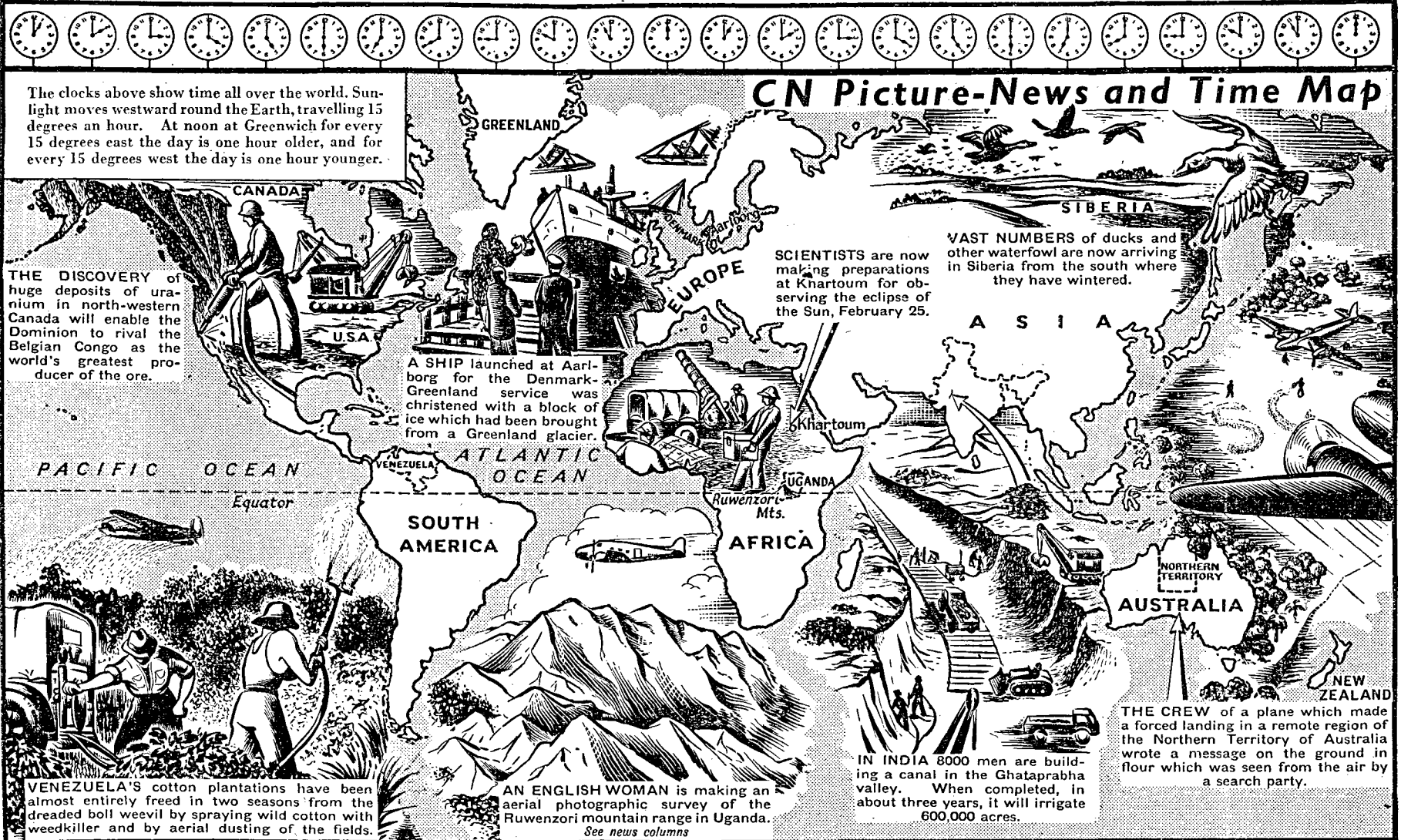
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USES FOR WASTE

Two examples of the better use of waste products come from Yorkshire.

At Neepsend, Sheffield, a 40-year-old tip is being searched for steel which can be used again. The steel adhering to masses of slag has come from acid furnaces and normally is discarded. Now 50 to 60 tons of scrap steel a week are being recovered and sent back to the furnaces. In addition, the slag itself makes good hard core for road-making.

The other waste material being used is "slurry," the black sludge made of wet coal particles from coal-washing apparatus.

Scientists at Sheffield University, together with the Institute of Coal Utilisation Research Association at Leatherhead, have been investigating means of using this material.

Now an export trade is being built up from the port of Goole, where the slurry is shipped to Belgium and Germany and used as a fuel in furnaces of a special design. It is estimated that six million tons of slurry are produced every year in British coalfields.

FREEDOM TREE

A new lease of life has been given to the venerable oak in Holwood Park, Keston, Kent, under which Wilberforce and William Pitt sat and planned their campaign to free the slaves.

This tree is now but a hollow shell, but within this shell the Anti-Slavery Society has planted a sturdy oak sapling. Long may it flourish!

RULER OF RIVER PILOTS

A man who has done a most fascinating job for the past 44 years is to retire in May. He is Captain L. E. Owen, who has been a river pilot on the Thames from Gravesend to the Pool of London, and, indeed, since 1934 has been chief of the 190 men who carry out this important and arduous task.

Captain Owen went to sea at 15, as an apprentice on the sailing barque Ashmore. Then he worked for an Australian company as mate on a service round the world. In 1908 he joined the pilot service between Gravesend and the Pool, which is one of the most exacting and skilful tasks in navigation because of the winding nature of the tidal river and the great amount of shipping sailing up and down in all weathers.

REMARKABLE BOY ARTIST

As a tribute to the artistic gifts of 15-year-old Robert Pate, of St. Andrews, the Town Council have agreed to give the use of the Council Chambers for an exhibition of his paintings. Among the exhibits will be copies of Old Masters, portraits of Sir Walter Scott and Robert Burns, line drawing of politicians, and landscapes in water-colours and oils.

As Robert's family cannot afford to give him the training his talents deserve, it is hoped that the exhibition will attract public interest in his career.

ROAD SENSE

So successful has been Hendon's Safety First campaign that in the last two years not one of the district's 20,000 children have been killed on the roads.

The campaign has included competitions, films, car rides during which the children were invited to spot the faults of pedestrians, and kerb drill demonstrations by police officers. Perhaps the most popular instructors were puppets demonstrating the right way to cross the road.

The good results following the campaign have greatly impressed other boroughs, and six instructors from the local Colindale Metropolitan Police garage are preparing to visit schools all over the country. They will take miniature bicycles, lorries, police cars, road signs, and traffic signals—all made by themselves—which can be set up in school playgrounds.

AMERICAN HOME LIFE

Statistics recently published by the National Association of Manufacturers of New York throw an interesting light on the American way of life.

It is estimated that of every 100 American homes 96 have electricity, 95 have radio sets, 87 have refrigerators, 84 have modern plumbing, 82 have cars, and 65 have electric washers.

More than 13 million American homes have television sets, and with the opening of the new coaxial cable system 94.7 per cent of these sets can be tuned to major events in any part of the country.

WHEN A KING TRAVELS

An automobile trailer complete with throne-room, bedroom, bathroom, and lift is being built at a Tulsa, Oklahoma, factory for the King of Saudi Arabia.

The interior will have mahogany panels, tapestries, and upholsteries designed by a New York artist.

The trailer weighs 10,000 lbs. and is 10 ft. 6 ins. high and 9 ft. 6 ins. wide. The lift is designed to raise the monarch and his wheel chair into the trailer.

WANTED AT THE MILL

Grist for the Mills is the title of a film illustrating the nation's need of waste-paper. Brought into service by Liverpool Corporation, it shows the waste of paper in streets and homes, and how much of this can be avoided.

The nation uses three million tons of paper and cardboard each year, and industry needs more than a million tons of waste-paper. We can all help to bring this grist to the mill.

TIMEPIECE

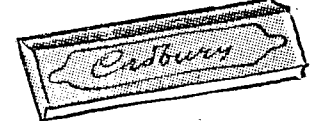
Trafalgar Square is the roosting-place of thousands of starlings which flock into London every evening at dusk, creating a shrill din which can be heard above the roar of the traffic as they jostle for places on every ledge and cornice.

Recently some of them decided to perch on the hands of one of the clocks in the square. Their combined weight stops the clock, which each day has to be altered and restarted.

Please, Daddy,
I want
Cadburys!



He wants Cadburys Dairy Milk Chocolate—and he's right. It has a lovely creamy taste, and that's why it's often saved specially for children. Everyone who likes milk chocolate says 'Please . . . I want Cadburys!'



TRAWLER'S STRANGE CATCH

The Stornoway herring drifter Ivy Rose had a strange catch recently—a catch which was not netted, nor hooked, nor harpooned, yet was brought safely to port.

The catch was a sea lamprey, which attached itself to the keel of the ship by its powerful sucker. In fact, it was the lamprey that caught the Ivy Rose rather than the Ivy Rose the lamprey.

A three-foot-long thin creature like an eel, the sea lamprey used to be fairly common in British waters, but it is now rare. It was formerly classed as a fish but is a more primitive creature and belongs to the zoological order, Cyclostomata—round-mouthed.

IT BUILDS A NEST

Apart from its sucker by which it attaches itself to ships and fish, the other peculiarity of the sea lamprey is that it builds a nest. The lamprey comes into fresh water estuaries to spawn, and builds a crude nest of stones. The sucker is used to move the "building material" to the site. Sometimes the male and female work together to shift a heavy stone.

The young of the lamprey, which live for a year or two in the river mud before seeking the open sea, are so unlike the parents that they were long thought to be of a different species.

History records that Henry the First died after eating too many lampreys.



Bedside signals

A sick-bed is no handicap to the training of these Glasgow Scouts. The 121st Clarkston troop has regular nights for any of its members who may be patients in Mearns Kirk Hospital.

AN ISLAND WHERE EVERYONE IS FRIENDLY

After spending some months in Britain telling people of her life on Gemo Island, off the New Guinea coast, where she is in charge of a romantically-situated leper and tuberculosis hospital, Miss Constance Fairhall is now on her way back.

Just 15 years ago, Miss Fairhall, a Tunbridge Wells nursing sister, went to lonely Gemo and gathered

her first patients. The island is 128 acres in size, and is owned by 29 villagers, who had to be persuaded to loan the land for the hospital. They promised to do so without any payment for 50 years.

The water round the island, says Miss Fairhall, is so clear and clean that the villagers believe that if they bathe in the water after being ill they regain their strength.

The island is such a happy, friendly place that the Papuan Government even sends prisoners over to work in the hospital gardens.

"The policeman in charge of them has a gun and one bullet in case of dire need," says Miss Fairhall in her little book, *Island of Happiness*, recently published by all the British missionary societies. "When he goes off duty for a day he hands the gun over to the prisoners to look after until his return."

"He is also drilling these men, so that, in days to come, they will, if they so desire, be able to enlist in the police force and become efficient members of the Papuan constabulary!"

BAREFOOT FOOTBALL

Policeman and prisoners have gone crazy on football, which they play with bare feet. The policeman recently split his toe rather badly, but as soon as it was bandaged up he resumed playing.

The lepers on Gemo go to school and learn carving, weaving, and belt-making, and regularly go out fishing in their canoe. They are outcasts from the villages on the mainland, but on Gemo the lepers have a home where they can be as happy as their affliction allows.

Australian Air Force men recently called at the island, and one of them, after visiting the leper hospital, said, "Well, I guess I'll be more grateful in future." Whenever the Australians in their Catalina sea-rescue plane fly over Gemo they swoop low and wave to the patients, who all race out to wave back.

EARLY HOME-MAKERS AT REGENT'S PARK

By Craven Hill, CN Correspondent at London Zoo

YOUNG as the season is, a few birds in the Zoo are already thinking about nesting. Most interesting, perhaps, are a pair of European eagle-owls and two ravens.

Indeed, the ravens may well make Zoo history. They are Jock and Jeanette, who live in a cage behind the camel house.

Ravens have been known to nest in captivity, but it is rare for them to do so. There is no record of their having previously done so at Regent's Park.

Recently, however, Jock and Jeanette seemed to want to set up home, so keepers gave the birds twigs and other building material, and also some wisps of camel hair picked up from the camel compound. These the ravens collected and carried to a shelf at the rear of their indoor shelter.

Both ravens are sharing the work, and are "making quite a song about it." They croak incessantly to each other, and also utter a sound which sounds very like the popping of a cork.

PRIVATE NEST

The eagle-owls have a nest of a very different type. At the moment of writing it is merely a "scrape" dug in the peat which carpets their indoor apartment. But that is all the nest these large two-foot-high birds ever make.

The owl keeper, Mr. E. Scrivener, is expecting a clutch of four or five eggs to be laid. Before they appear, however, the "nest" will be screened off, for these owls heartily dislike publicity. Even the sound of passing traffic from the main road behind the owlery sometimes makes them nervous.

The owls have just said goodbye to their youngster, the only chick hatched from a clutch of eggs laid last year.

"As the parents are now very aggressive, I thought it best to remove their offspring," Mr.

Scrivener told me. "He is nearly as big as his parents now, and had I left him in the cage there might have been a tragedy. Father owl is apt to get very jealous of company when his wife is sitting on eggs," he said.

THE reptile house laboratory staff have an unusual mascot—a Siamese cat named Monkey.

Monkey really belongs to Dr. Hugh Cott, Professor of Zoology at Cambridge University. Recently, however, Dr. Cott left for Africa, where he will be for a year or so, and before leaving he asked his friend Mr. J. W. Lester, the Zoo curator of reptiles, if he would look after Monkey during his absence.

Monkey lives in the curator's office, and is doing pretty well in the matter of food. Whenever he feels peckish he helps himself to a little meat or fish from the reptiles' food pail!

"But he's a nice friendly creature," Mr. Lester told me. "He always sits on my desk watching me working, and so far he hasn't upset even an ink-pot."

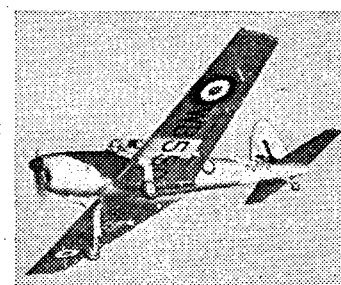
"The only trouble is his voice. I'm used to it, but it does puzzle visitors. The cry is so very like the wail of a human baby!"

RETIRING from service shortly are two of the Zoo's best animal "money-spinners" of recent years. They are the llamas June and Tom, who every summer for the past 14 years have been drawing a trapful of young visitors.

June and Tom give rides to as many as 500 children in an afternoon, and as each animal earns about £30 a week during the six-months' season, they have, between them, put quite £20,000 into the Society's coffers.

June and Tom will end their days in one of the park paddocks. They will be replaced by Sue and Bill, two young Zoo-bred llamas recently trained for riding service.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



7. The Chipmunk T Mk. 10

Replacing the veteran Tiger Moth as the standard Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve trainer, the Chipmunk was originally designed and built by the De Havilland firm in Canada.

This neat low-wing monoplane is now being produced on both sides of the Atlantic for the air forces of as many as 17 different countries, which include Denmark, Iraq, Lebanon, Portugal, and Siam.

Combining excellent handling

qualities with a high all-round performance, the "Chippy," as it is affectionately known, is powered by a 145 h.p. Gipsy Major 10 engine, and has a top speed of 138 m.p.h. at 10,000 feet.

The trainee and instructor are seated in tandem, the pupil occupying the front cockpit. The first pupil ever to be trained in a Chipmunk performed his first solo flight after just over four hours' dual instruction.

One of the machine's main advantages is that its higher rate of climb and cruising speed enable it to make more circuits and landings per hour than was possible in the Tiger Moth.

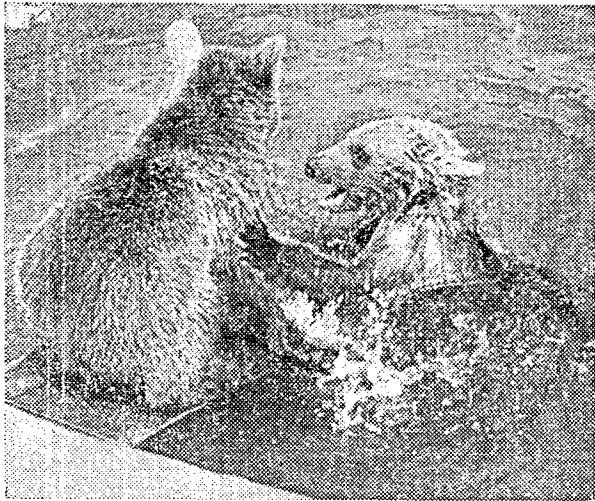
Features of the Chipmunk are its bow, narrow-chord wing, fixed undercarriage, prominent cockpit canopy, and the elliptical De Havilland fin and rudder—an unmistakable family trade-mark. Span: 34 feet 4 inches; length: 25 feet 5 inches.

HO(A)RSE?
GO-SUCK A
ZUBE

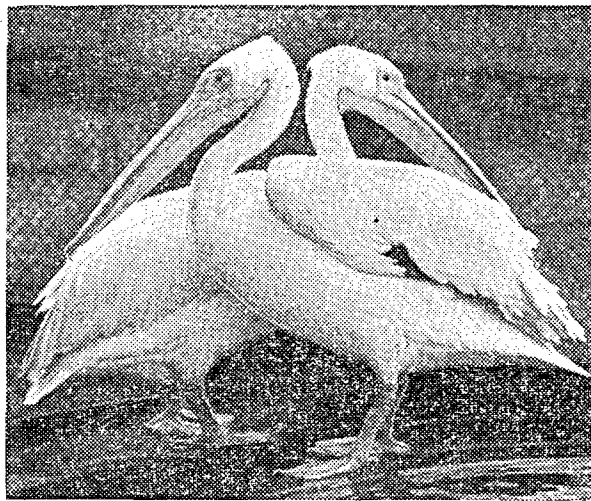


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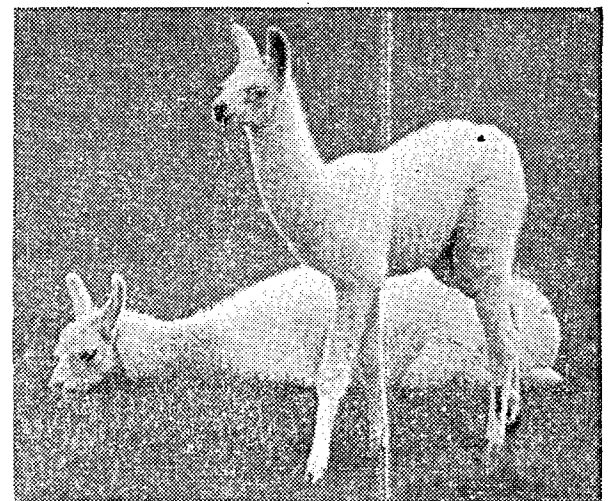
Idle Chatter Overheard at the Zoo



Come on in—it isn't cold!



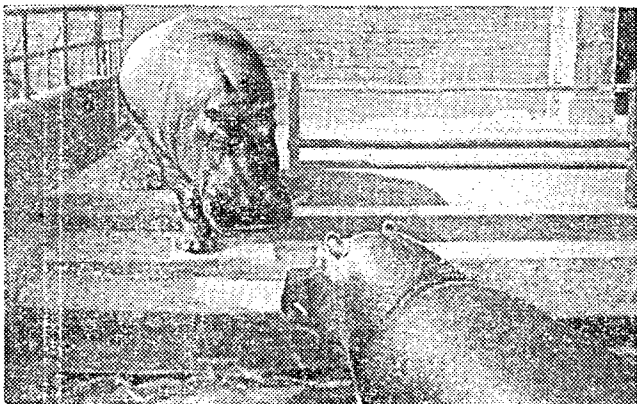
We don't seem to see eye to eye!



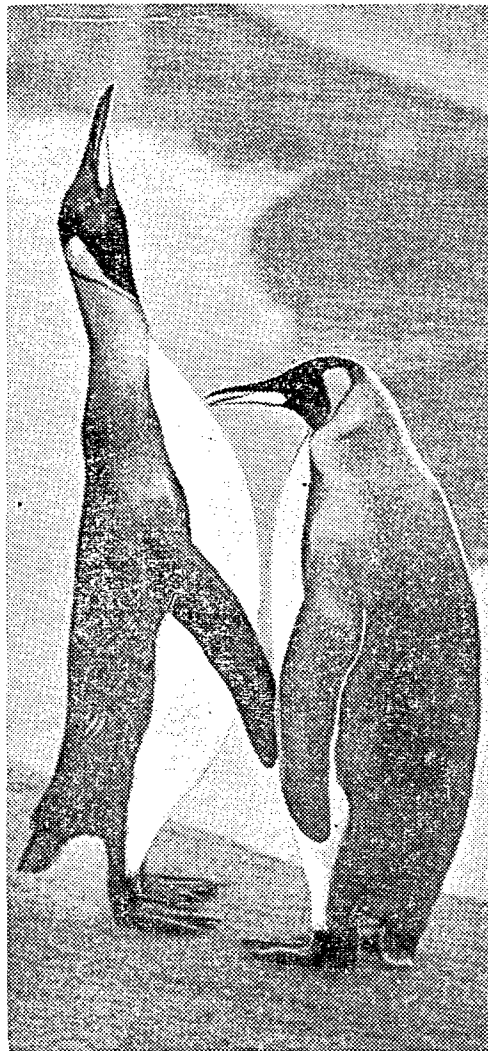
You stay there—I'll find Mum



We always sit here to enjoy the view



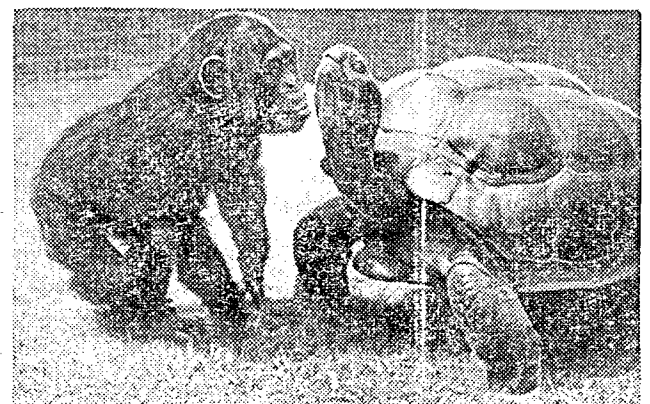
Haven't you finished with the bath yet?



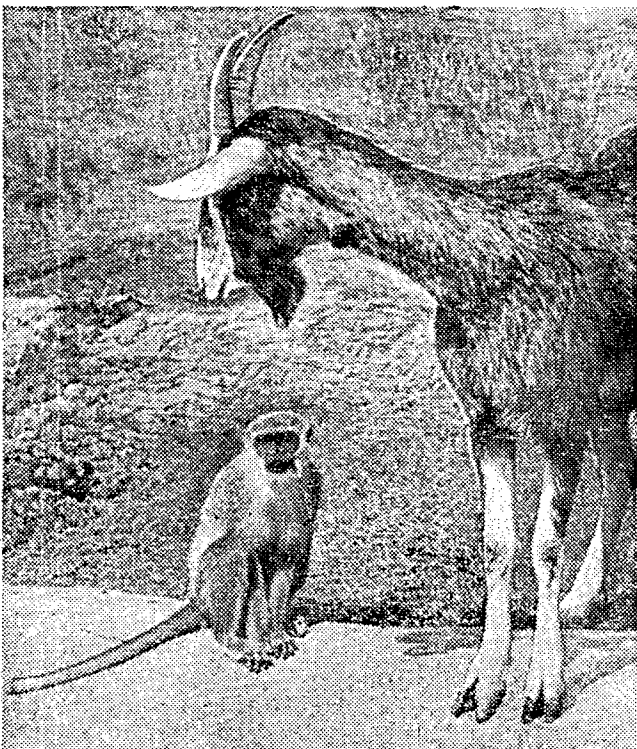
It's only one of those jet-planes!



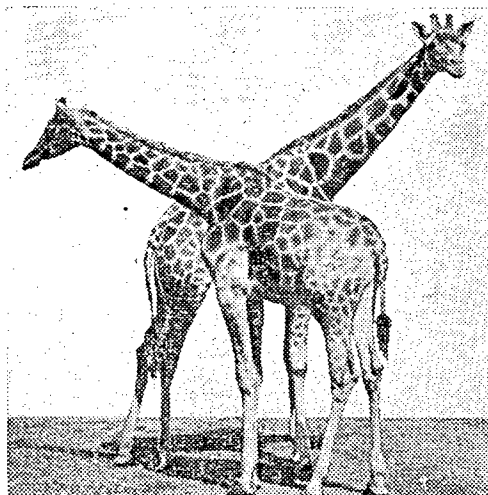
Keeper's late with dinner today



Go on, give me a ride!



Don't sit there like a stuffed monkey—answer me when I speak to you!



We're not really at cross purposes, in spite of appearances



Between you, me, and the gatepost, there is too much gossip in this place!

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WAGING WAR ON IGNORANCE

UNESCO has made a start on its great 12-year scheme to set up a world network of centres to combat illiteracy.

The first centre is at Patzcuaro, Mexico, and there the Tarascan Indians welcome the project because they still honour "Tata" (our beloved father) Vasco, who 400 years ago opened schools, set up workshops where the natives could learn useful crafts, and established a market for their wares. When the Unesco people talked of "fundamental education," the natives knew exactly what was meant: it was what Tata Vasco had attempted.

THE Unesco centre in Mexico is but a beginning; and a small beginning, for the world has 1200 million illiterate people, most of whom earn barely enough to keep themselves alive.

But it is heartening, for it demonstrates the civilised nations' new awareness of the world's most crying need: to set free those millions who are imprisoned in the concentration camp of Ignorance.

Unesco is showing the way by training the experts needed to wage a war on Ignorance. It will be for the Member States to continue that war; and if they are prepared to give just one tithe of what they spend on armaments they will assuredly triumph.

Under the Editor's Table

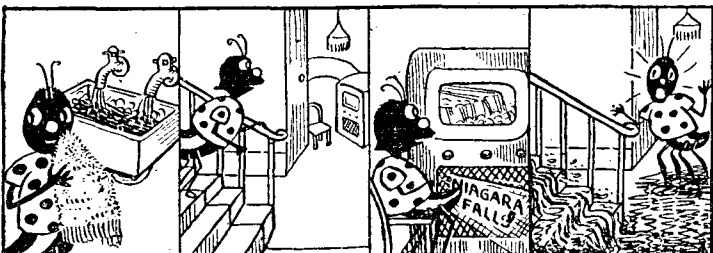
Some people are up at the crack of dawn. Peeping through it?

An American scientist is said to have a top secret job. Knows how to make things hum.

What would you do if you suddenly received a large fortune? asks a newspaper. Say Thank you.

A girl wants to know how to keep her nose warm in cold weather. Someone should give her a tip.

BILLY BEETLE



The Editor's Table

King Charles's Fish

FISHMONGERS in 1660 had to watch their scales carefully, for an Order in Council warned them that King Charles II would be highly displeased if they overcharged. The old Order to this effect was recently discovered in an attic at Surrenden, Pluckley, Kent; and this is how it reads:

"We do therefore hereby further charge and command all fishmongers whatsoever, that they sell and utter their fish at moderate and usual rates and prices. And that all Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs, and other Officers shall from time to time take such order with the said fishmongers that Our Subjects be not grieved by any such inhauncement or increase of prices upon fish, upon pain of Our High Displeasure, and such further punishment as may be inflicted upon them by Our Laws."

King Charles was called the Merry Monarch, but he evidently saw nothing funny in dear fish.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

A YEAR ago Bobby Sheer, of Shepherd's Bush, won the mile-and-a-half open-air speed skating championship of Britain. Less than two months later he damaged a leg muscle and severed a nerve.

When Bobby left the hospital he had to wear a surgical boot. But he was determined to skate again, and so, equipped with one special boot, he began to practise again; and recently, at his own expense, he went to Oslo, hoping to take part in the Olympic trials.

All honour to Bobby Sheer, who is 21, for his never-say-die spirit.

Courtesy

True politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It simply consists in treating others just as you love to be treated yourself.

Lord Chesterfield

COCKROACHES ARE FOND OF TV

COCKROACHES, it is reported, like television sets; not for entertainment, but for comfort.

It seems that the warmth of the valves attracts them. Televisioners have been advised not to bother about removing them, for it might be an intricate business. But what if crickets follow their example, and desert the hearth for television? A silent cockroach is one thing, but a singing cricket is another. A chorus of chirping crickets might strike a jarring note in some programmes.

Dick returns



It was fitting that one of the pictures exhibited at Guildhall in the fourth City of London Art Exhibition should be of Dick Whittington and his cat. It was painted by Miss Gladys Holman of Eltham.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

AMERICANS have a genius for coining words which are so apt and so expressive that they rapidly pass into the English language—the spoken, if not the written.

The latest example is *baffle-gab*, as a term for official jargon. Its inventor, a lawyer named Milton A. Smith, has playfully defined the word, in mock officialese, as:

Multiloquence characterised by a consummate interfusion of circumlocution or periphrasis, inscrutability, incognisability and other familiar manifestations of abstruse expatiation commonly utilised for promulgations implementing procrustean determinations by governmental bodies.

Mr. Smith won a prize for his new word, or, as they might say in some circles, he was presented with an award for a highly meritorious effort.

JUST AN IDEA

As G. K. Chesterton wrote: There is a great deal of difference between the eager man who wants to read a book, and the tired man who wants a book to read.

Aid for Arabs

BRITAIN'S decision to double her contribution to help refugees in Palestine is a great step forward in the big task of aiding hundreds of thousands of Arabs now homeless because of the creation of Israel as an independent State.

France has followed suit with more money for this humane project, and the United States' generosity has reached the total of 50 million dollars.

All this is part of a 250 million dollar plan to remove a sore from the world's life. Shivering in the winter cold in the desert of the Gaza area, the Arab refugees are living chiefly in tents with no land to cultivate, and no hope of getting any unless international action is taken.

Money means life to these people, and it is a sign of hope in international affairs that even nations struggling with their own strained finances are ready to aid the Arabs.

Thirty Years Ago

ALL the world knows Pepys' Diary, covering the period of the Restoration, and Joseph Farington, whose diary the Morning Post has discovered, may become as popular as a chronicler of the Napoleon epoch.

He gives us Josephine's opinion of Napoleon, as expressed to an English lady of the time. He tells us of Wellington and Blücher, Nelson and Hood.

Altogether this new diary is a most interesting guide to a knowledge of many of the men who made our history from 1793, the date on which the diary begins, till 1821, when Farington died.

From the Children's Newspaper, February 18, 1922

STAFF OF LIFE

Affability, mildness, tenderness, and a word which I would fain bring back to its original signification of virtue—I mean good-nature—are of daily use: they are the bread of mankind and the staff of life.

John Dryden

THINGS SAID

I do not see why, even now, we should not have a new type of Commonwealth tribunal to which all members of the British Empire can send representatives; which could meet from time to time in different capitals of the Empire to draw our people together with their common legal and humane heritage.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Minister of Colonial Affairs

WHEN the puzzled Russians asked Mr. Gordon Crier "Who is Gracie Fields?" they revealed to millions as no other question could have done the sad reality of the Iron Curtain.

Mr. A. J. Cummings

Is it not time for people to realise there is not, and cannot be, free anything? Everything in this world must be earned.

The Bishop of Southwell

THERE are more nationals of the United Kingdom living in India now than before India's attainment of freedom. They are living there with the good will of the people and with their welcome.

High Commissioner of India

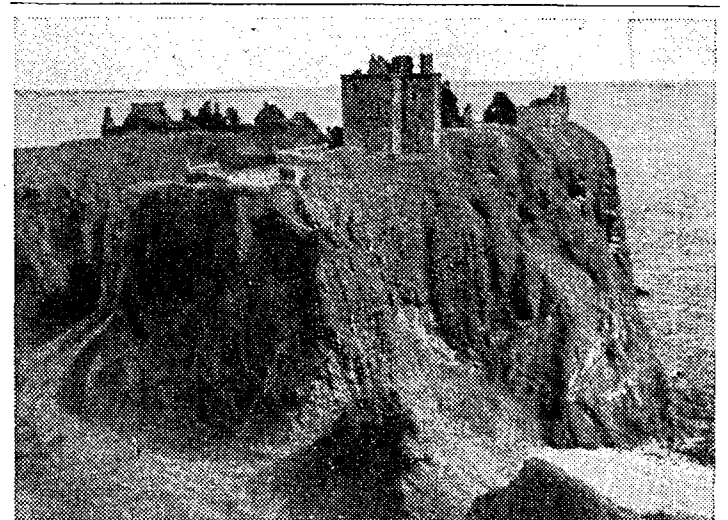
IN THE COUNTRY

FROM this time onward, the wayfarer on a country walk notes the many activities going on in Birdland. The chaffinch sings; cock blackbirds duel; robins interrupt their courtships with combats for strips of territory; moorhens indulge in many a brisk "set-to," and their "war-cries" echo over the still waters of the lake as they drive intruders away.

Walking beneath the rookery trees, the rambler looks upwards and notes that the big black birds are back—if only on a property inspection visit; for at this time, as the famous naturalist, Gilbert White, wrote:

... The cawing rook
Anticipates the spring, selects her mate,
Haunts her tall nest trees, and
with sedulous care
Repairs her wicker eyrie,
tempest torn.

Yes, "winter may linger in the lap of spring" for a little while longer, but there is no stemming the urge which is already driving the birds to their springtime activities.



OUR HOMELAND

Dunnottar Castle, near Stonehaven, on the coast of Kincardineshire

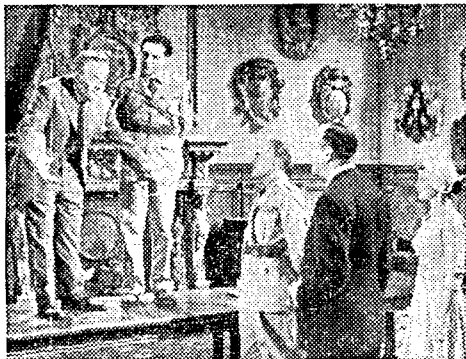
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THE NEW GOVERNOR CAUSES A STIR

By Eric Gillett, C N Film Critic

ANOTHER admirable comedy, His Excellency the Governor, has come from Ealing Studios. It is based on the stage play by Major General and Mrs. Campbell Christie, and is directed by Robert Hamer, who made the brilliant Kind Hearts and Coronets.

The setting is Arista, a British island colony "somewhere in the



The new Governor (Eric Portman) demonstrates what happened at the dockers' meeting

Mediterranean," where there have been labour troubles, mainly in the naval dockyard.

Most of the British residents and the Governor's personal staff are not reassured when the new Governor turns out to be a Yorkshire working man, an ex-docker. George Harrison (Eric Portman) proves to be a decent, likeable chap.

He looks at things from the docker's angle, and he cannot understand what Sir James Kirkman (Cecil Parker), the Lieutenant Governor, is talking about when he tries to prevent Harrison from allowing his hot-headed ideals to run away with him. The general (Clive Norton) and the admiral (Edward Chapman) agree with Kirkman.

Harrison, determined and stubborn, presses on with his reforms, and introduces income tax for the wealthy Aristans. One of them, the influential Zamario, arranges for the dockers to strike, in the hope that Harrison will be relieved

of his post. It is a near thing, and the final scenes are most exciting.

An interesting feature of the picture is the relationship between Sir James Kirkman, the highly experienced civil servant, and George Harrison, the ex-Labour M.P. In the end they come to respect and admire each other.

His Excellency the Governor has been made with all the polish and attention to detail that we expect of an Ealing production. The Mediterranean background—most of the film was shot in Sicily—gives the right touch of authenticity.

There is very little for the women characters to do, though Helen Cherry has a few pleasant moments as Lady Kirkman. Susan Stephen, who makes her first appearance, as Peggy Harrison, the Governor's daughter, seems always to be working up for a big scene that never comes.

The film is sensible, amusing entertainment, and it will make you think.

NOBODY takes very seriously the plots of operas, and certainly the story of Marriage of Figaro is no better than others. With a charming 18th-century background, the Count Almaviva, his wife Rosina, and various members of their household, including the valet, Figaro, indulge in a number of silly and complicated intrigues.

For this rather foolish story Mozart composed some of the most captivating music ever written, and the rendering in the sound-track of this new film—in German, with English sub-titles—is one of the finest I have heard. The Berlin State Orchestra plays the music, and the singers are chosen from the finest operatic artists of the day.

THAT BUSINESS OF BATHING

Our 18th-century ancestors seem to have been very doubtful of the wisdom of taking a bath, either in hot water or cold.

In a recent letter to The Times, Mr. W. R. Candlin quotes an old book called Domestic Medicine. It was written by Dr. William Buchan and contains this rather alarming passage:

"People are apt to imagine that the simple element of water can do no hurt, and that they may plunge into it at any time with impunity. In this, however, they are much mistaken. I have known apoplexies occasioned by going into the cold bath, fevers excited by staying too long into it, and other maladies so much aggravated by its continued use that they could never be wholly eradicated."

The worthy doctor had no better opinion of hot baths, for he continued: "Nor are there examples wanting, either in ancient or modern times, of the baneful con-

sequences which have arisen also from an injudicious application of the warm bath, but as warm baths are not so common in this country, and are seldom used but under the direction of a physician, I shall not enlarge upon that part of the subject."

In 1809, however, medical men were beginning to have a better opinion of cold baths—at least for children. A medical book of that year, quoted in another letter to The Times by Isabelle B. S. Fayle, says that cold bathing can prevent such ailments as "coughs, cutaneous inflammations, want of sleep, vomiting, rickets."

Cold bathing was also recommended as a "sure cure" for a host of other ills, but the author was on safer ground when he warned the boys and girls against plunging themselves when hot into cold water. "Not only fevers, but madness itself, has frequently been the effect of this conduct."

Reindeer for the Skolt Lapps

In this country the thoughts of most people turn to the reindeer merely at Christmas time; but in parts of Finland the reindeer is never absent from people's thoughts, for there it is not only a means of transport, but a producer of milk and cheese.

This month there is to be a great trek of reindeer to the north; for some 1000 of these animals are to be driven 150 miles and given to the destitute Skolt Lapps.

The Skolts are a peaceful, simple, friendly little community who used to live near Petsamo in northern Lapland. They lost all their possessions, including 5000 reindeer, when Russia took over their homeland during the war, and fled to other parts of Finland.

Since then the Skolt Lapp Relief Fund in Britain has been co-operating with the Finnish Government in helping these folk in need; and it is the secretary of the fund, Mr. R. Crottet, who is leading the reindeer trek.

CHILLY JOB

He and his friends have a chilly job. They will have to drive their reindeer over the tundra, across frozen lakes, and through deep forests, sleeping at night on reindeer furs in the snow, with big fires round them to keep wolves at bay.

The reindeer themselves have to be humoured, for they can be temperamental creatures. For example, when a driver comes to a spot where two paths meet, he will point with a long stick in the



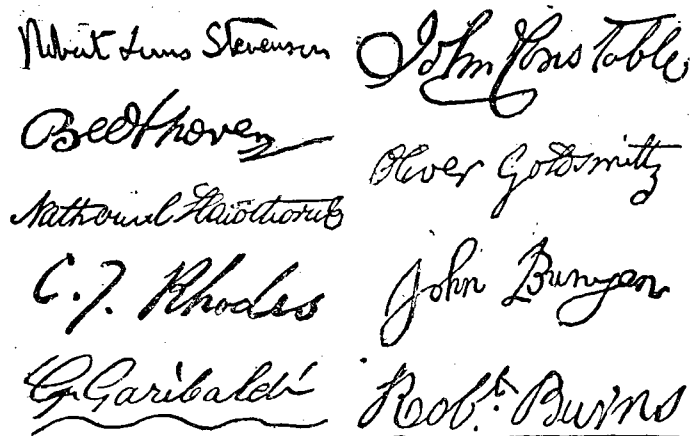
A typical Skolt Lapp

direction in which he does not want to go, for the reindeer will take the other path, just to show its independence.

The Skolts have suffered great distress since they were driven from Petsamo. There they lived on reindeer and fish, but there are hardly any fish in the lakes where they are now. Many of them have been living on nothing but bread and tea, and child mortality is high. The Finnish Government has built huts for them, but to become entirely self-supporting the Skolts need 7000 reindeer, and they cost seven guineas apiece.

The treasurer of the Skolt Lapp Relief Fund is Mr. P. Rainsford, 18 Girdlers Road, London, W.14.

HANDWRITING OF THE FAMOUS



C N National Handwriting Test of 1952



Over 1200 Prizes to the value of £500

OUR fourth great National Handwriting Test is arousing even more interest among teachers and pupils than in previous years. From all over the British Isles applications from schools and colleges have been pouring in every day.

All boys and girls under seventeen who are attending school full-time in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and Eire are eligible, and as the Test is divided into three age groups all will have an equal opportunity of winning a prize for themselves and their schools.

Entrants have to copy the test paragraph printed on the Entry Form. This should be done in the style of handwriting normally taught at their schools. The words to be written consist of a simple paragraph expressing the purposes and benefits of National Savings, and for the best entries there are the following cash prizes in each group:

Prizes Worth £500 to be Won!

1st PRIZES	2nd PRIZES	3rd PRIZES
For School .. £25	For School .. £10	For School .. £5
Prize-winning pupil .. £5	Prize-winning pupil .. £3	Prize-winning pupil .. £2

In addition there will be 200 gold-nibbed fountain pens and 1000 prizes of savings stamps to the value of 5s. each.

Also 10,000 Awards of Merit

A Certificate of Merit will be awarded to the pupil who sends the best entry from each school not represented in the above prize list.

Readers are asked especially to note that entries must be made on the free Entry Form which is issued only through schools. If you would like to enter show this announcement to your teacher and ask him or her kindly to complete the coupon here and send it to C N.

Remember, there is an age group for you. The test may be done in school or at home, at the discretion of the teacher, who is asked to sign the entry on completion. When sent in every entry must have affixed to it one of the tokens (marked "C N Writing Test 1952") now appearing in every copy of the Newspaper. You will find one at the foot of the back page of this issue.

The Closing Date for entries is Monday, March 31. When returned, each completed entry should be sent in as part of the school's total entry in accordance with the competition rules printed on the Entry Form.

To Teachers! The Entry Form to be used in this competition contains the Test Passage, space for the pupil's effort, and full rules and particulars. It is being issued only in answer to school applications. Teachers desiring to enter their pupils are asked to be good enough to complete this application coupon and send it to Children's Newspaper as soon as possible. The forms will then be sent post free. Last date for form application is February 29.
(N.B.—1d. stamp only required for this coupon if left unsealed.)

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Please send me (post free).....copies of the C N
National Handwriting Test of 1952 Entry Forms for my pupils.

PRINCIPAL/FORM
.....MASTER OF MISTRESS

School.....

School Address.....

35,000,000 MILES PER HOUR

Atom-splitting was recently achieved in Australia—the first time ever. It was done by the new high-voltage equipment at Canberra; but this was not worked at its full capacity of 1,250,000 volts, it being thought wise to “run it in,” much as a new car is driven slowly for the first few hundred miles.

When the equipment's full voltage is used it will be possible to fire more than 600 million million atomic bullets per second, each of which will hit the target at 35 million m.p.h.! Thus there will be greater releases of atomic energy.

This achievement of nuclear reaction was announced recently by Professor Titterton of the Nuclear Physics Department of the National University at Canberra.

Meanwhile, scientists of Melbourne University have succeeded in isolating a particle of an atom which had been thought to exist but had never been identified. It is a meson known as the V-particle.

The scientists discovered it during experiments in which balloons carrying sensitised plates were sent about 20 miles into the upper atmosphere.

BRINGING WATER TO BROKEN HILL

The people of Australia's prosperous mining centre, Broken Hill, may have to take fewer baths during their coming winter, for the water in their main reservoir is not likely to last beyond next month.

A new water pipe, nearly 70 miles long, is not expected to be finished until September. Nearly 200 men are working against time on it.

The district uses four million gallons on a hot day, and the only other way of getting water there if the reservoir goes dry is by train. But water trains, working full time, can bring less than a million gallons a day.

Steps to Sporting Fame



Britain's team for the Olympic Games at Helsinki will almost certainly include John Savidge, sergeant P.T.I. in the Marines, and our best weight-putter.



John was born at Nottingham and educated at Mundella Secondary School. Although he turned naturally to all athletics, he preferred javelin-throwing, and, at 17½, he made a throw of 164 feet. He then gave up the sport.



He was in Japan with the Marines when he resumed weight-putting. On his return he trained under Geoffrey Dyson, chief A.A.A. coach. John went on to set up new British records for the discus and weight-put.

John Savidge



John Savidge is a fine all-rounder, having won distinction at swimming, water polo, boxing, and judo. He can also run 100 yards in 10.6 seconds, a remarkable performance as he weighs over 16 stone.

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REWARDS AND PENALTIES

Some interesting revelations of modern young people's ideas on school discipline are given in a recent report called, A Survey of Rewards and Punishments in Schools. It is based on opinions gathered from 972 teachers and 7314 pupils in 94 secondary schools.

Punishment is a gloomy subject, but the report gives some interesting views about it. Boys and girls and mistresses all agree that the most disliked forms of punishment are: “an unfavourable report to take home,” “deprived of games,” and “sent to Head.” Masters agree that these three penalties are effective, but rate corporal punishment above them, although, surprisingly, boys put it last.

Both boys and girls seem relatively indifferent to being kept in, or “a good talking-to in private,” though teachers seem to think these methods effectual.

Almost all teachers feel able to justify corporal punishment, after other means have been tried and failed, for: malicious destructiveness, wilful disobedience, and bullying.

The report was prepared by the National Foundation for Educational Research in England and Wales, at the invitation of the Ministry of Education. It is published by Newnes' Educational Publishing Co. Ltd. at £2 2s.

SOMETHING NEW IN CARVING

A new form of sculpture is shortly to be erected outside Rokeby County Junior School, Rugby. Nine feet long, and carved by Walter Ritchie of Kenilworth from a block of laminated Burma teak, it portrays a human figure swiftly moving forward with arms outstretched and legs bent back as if in flight.

It is believed to be the first sculpture in this medium. The laminated wood is resin-bonded.

ENGLISHWOMAN MAPPING MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON

During the next few months an Anson aircraft will be regularly droning over the Ruwenzori range in Uganda, the fabled Mountains of the Moon. Piloted by Mr. Charles MacLachlan, it carries the first woman ever to map these mysterious peaks—Miss Isolde Tebbitt, from Carshalton, Surrey.

Operating three cameras—one vertical and two oblique—she is carrying out a complex and arduous task which should furnish valuable information for explorers and mineral prospectors. Miss Tebbitt has already photographed 400 square miles of this precipitous region, and another 700 miles remain to be covered.

Mountains of the Moon is a

romantic name for these six separate glacial peaks, the largest group of snow mountains in Africa. Near the border of the Belgian Congo, 100 miles south of great Lake Albert, they present from the ground and from the air a fascinating picture.

On a clear day an approaching climber sees the foothills standing out sharply against the blue of the distant mountains. The towering peaks are ever capped with snow, despite the fact that they are almost on the Equator.

Frequently mists gather about the shimmering crags as the abrupt African dusk falls, adding an eerie effect to a mystical and awe-inspiring spectacle.

Luxuriant tropical vegetation overhangs deep crater lakes, and vivid yellow lobelias clothe the slopes below the glaciers. There is, too, an amazing array of oddly-twisted trees, rare orchids, bamboo, and heather forests, and countless varieties of exotic fruits and ferns.

The highest point of the Mountains of the Moon is 16,794 feet, and some of the peaks remain unconquered by climbers. In fact, little is known geologically about

the range, and Miss Tebbitt and her pilot may help to throw some light on the mystery of how the mountains came into being.

When off duty, Miss Tebbitt lives in a tiny mud-and-wattle native hut only six miles from the Equator. Elephants and buffaloes abound, whilst over the lonely slopes eagles and giant owls circle.

This adventurous English girl's only protection is a bamboo fence and an air rifle! At the nearby small airfield, African tribesmen armed with spears keep watch.

Nevertheless, roving wild animals are regular visitors, and one morning recently it was discovered that an elephant had demolished the windsock.

See World Map

THANKS A MILLION

Leading-Seaman C. W. Robinson made the 800-mile air journey between his home in Dunedin, New Zealand, and the naval base at Auckland last month without paying any fare. As the millionth passenger he was carried free by the National Airways Corporation, which also presented him with a set of leather travelling bags.

THE FOUR FEATHERS—PICTURE-VERSION OF A. E. W. MASON'S GRAND STORY (4)



Harry forced himself to enter Berber, where one slip would mean torture and death. He could not find the house where Gordon's letters were hidden, for that part of the town was abandoned and in ruins. For a fortnight he stayed in Berber, speaking to natives at the peril of his life, buying food by day, sleeping in the ruins at night. At last he found the former owner of the house, Yusef, who told him where it was.



He went to the ruined house at night, found the spot where he had been told the letters were concealed in the mud wall, and dug them out with his knife. Then the light of a lantern fell on him. Yusef must have suspected he was a spy, and had informed the Dervishes, two of whom had followed him here. Harry, who all his life had dreaded ordeal by battle, suddenly felt quite cool. He knew what he must do.



He turned and dashed at his trackers. One aimed a spear at him, but he knocked it aside and struck the man down with his dagger. The lantern crashed on the ground and went out. He ran into the alley, and hid round a corner. As the second man, running after him, passed the corner, Harry stabbed him. Then he made for the open desert, and began his long, exhausting, dangerous journey back to Suakin.



After a terrible trek across the desert, Harry reached Suakin where Captain Willoughby, one of those who had sent him a white feather, was stationed. Willoughby was amazed when Harry arrived on his veranda. After hearing his story he agreed to take back his white feather. Willoughby was shortly returning to England and he undertook to tell Ethne, Harry's former fiancée, the story of his heroic exploit.

What will Ethne do when she learns of Harry Feversham's brave deed? See next week's instalment

THE BUCKINGHAMS AT RAVENSWYKE

Grand story by
Malcolm Saville

The story so far

Charles Renislau, who has come into Whitby with his father to meet his friends Juliet and Simon Buckingham, is nearly knocked down by a sailor coming out of a junk shop. Mr. Renislau says that he is like a man he wants to forget and sends Charles off by himself to meet the Buckinghams. Charles notices that his father is following the sailor along the quay, but when he returns from the station with his friends his father has disappeared. They search the town for hours and eventually go to the police station and meet a detective called Brandon, who takes them back to Ravenswyke.

5. In search of clues

THE first pink tinge of a clear dawn was just touching the eastern sky when Juliet woke on her first morning at Ravenswyke. The night had been interminable, for she had tossed and turned and even got up twice and walked up and down her room in an attempt to forget the misery of the previous evening. Mrs. Renislau had been wonderful, of course, and had tried to comfort Charles as well as to make Juliet and Simon welcome.

Soon after the detective had gone and they had shared an unhappy meal, Mr. Marsdon arrived. When Mrs. Renislau went into the sitting-room with him, Juliet said she was going to bed, and Simon, very glumly, went off with Charles, with whom he was sharing a room.

Juliet got up and put her head out of the window. Her muddled thoughts of the night began to take shape and she was sure that she and Simon ought to go home at once. There was nothing they could do here. They were only in the way.

Suddenly she covered her face with her hands at the thought she would never dare to put into words—the possibility that something terrible had happened to Mr. Renislau and that he would never come home again.

THEY would have to go into the village and telephone home directly after breakfast, but meanwhile she would have to discuss this with Simon privately, and the best way to do that would be to get hold of him now, before the others were up.

She tip-toed out. She put a hand on the banisters to steady herself and, looking down, saw a glow of light coming from the half-open door of the sitting-room.

Perhaps Mr. Renislau had come in very late and had not wanted to disturb them. She was afraid, but she had to make sure. With shaking knees, she crept down into the hall and pushed the door open.

The curtains were still drawn, but on the sofa before the stone hearth in which lay a heap of cold, grey ashes, she saw Mrs. Renislau, fully dressed, with her head pillowed on her hands. She was

moaning softly in her sleep, and as Juliet, with a sob of pity, turned to go, she sat up with a cry.

"Oh, Juliet! I must have just dropped off. Is there any news?"

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to wake you. I couldn't sleep and then I wanted to talk to Simon and I saw the light in the hall and came down to see if—everything was all right... Would you like some tea if I make it?"

THEY went into the kitchen together and as they sipped their tea Juliet lost some of her shyness. She found it difficult to answer when Mrs. Renislau asked her why she had wanted to see Simon before anyone else in the house was awake, but at last she told the truth.

Mrs. Renislau smiled at her.

"I shouldn't have thought you were the sort of girl who runs away from anything unpleasant. I'm sure you're not really. I don't want you to go home, Julie. I'd like you to stay and be company for Charles. While we're so unhappy and worried it's good for him to have his friends with him. If you would like to telephone your mother after breakfast and tell them of our trouble you can do, and if she wishes it you must go home at once. But I'd like you both to stay. Will you? ... Thank you, Julie. Now go up to bed again for an hour while I have my bath."

BREAKFAST was not a very cheerful meal. Charles was moody. First of all he cross-questioned his mother as to what Mr. Marsdon had talked about last night, and when she replied that it was a friendly call because he had heard of their trouble Charles went on: "What about that man, Cart-

wright, who had the sense not to take Felicity out? Haven't they found him yet? Why are they making such a fuss about his disappearance?"

"I think they're afraid he's stolen some important secrets."

"What does he look like, Mother? Have you ever seen him?"

"Yes, Felicity introduced him once in the village. I can't really remember what he was like. Pleasant looking. Smart in an untidy sort of way... There was something else about his appearance I ought to remember about him, but I'm not sure what it was. His eyes, I think... yes, that's it, they were very blue!"

THEN Juliet suggested Charles should take them both into Whitby and go everywhere that he went yesterday with his father in the hope that he might remember something which might give them a clue. Charles was very rude about them, saying that there wasn't anything which he hadn't thought of already.

"Why can't we stop talking and do something? I don't want to be reminded all the time of what happened, do I? I should have thought I'd have been asked enough questions." He got up and stalked out of the room.

Juliet and Simon looked at their plates with embarrassment, but Mrs. Renislau agreed that this was a good idea and that Charles would soon be back to apologise.

"Go and cut yourself some sandwiches while I find my temperamental son. Before you leave Whitby, call at the police station because I shall have telephoned there if there is any news."

As predicted, a subdued Charles soon joined them, and half an hour later they were all three on the bus, and none of them commented on the scene at the breakfast table. Once in Whitby, however, Charles entered into the spirit of the quest, and as he led them from place to place it was, as Juliet said, much easier to remember all that his father and he had said and done together.

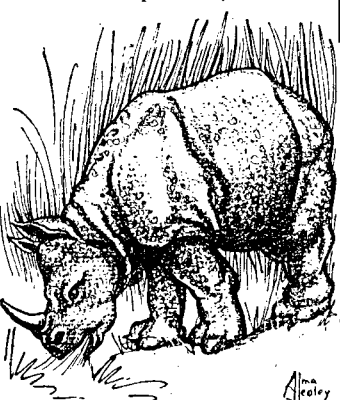
ON their way to the quay they noticed The Pride of the Valley in her usual place. The coloured sailor was mooching about the deck, and they caught a glimpse of a strange man in the wheelhouse.

"She looks as if she's been to sea," Charles said. "Anyway, the tide's still coming in so she can't escape for a bit. The other fishing boats haven't started to unload yet."

"Just go everywhere you went with Mr. Renislau yesterday and try to do it in the same order," Juliet pleaded. "I'm sure you'll remember some little thing which will help us, Charles."

They walked along the quay to the lighthouse, and then back and over the bridge and into the old

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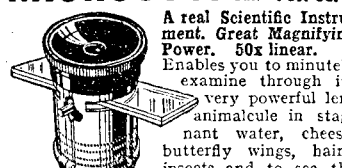
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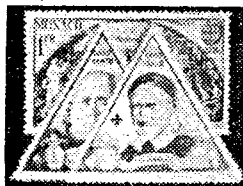
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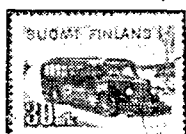
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This year, the bi-centenary of his birth, four paintings by John Webber, R.A., are on view in the winter exhibition at Burlington House and recall his part in the last tragic voyage of Captain Cook. One of the four paintings, indeed, is of unique interest, for it shows the famous island of Krakatoa, in Sunda Strait, which disappeared on August 27, 1883, during the greatest volcanic explosion known to history.

Born in London, John was sent at 13 by his father, a Swiss sculptor, to Berne and Paris to study art. He made rapid progress and returned to England, where, in 1776, his portrait of a brother was hung in the Royal Academy. This success led to his appointment as draughtsman to Captain Cook on the great explorer's last expedition.

In two ships, the Resolution and Discovery, the adventurers set sail on July 12, 1776, to discover a sea route from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic.

A number of small Pacific Islands were to be charted on the way, and Webber made drawings of the charted coastlines. But he was also filled with wonder at the beauty of these small tropical islands and made many drawings both in the tropics and as far north as Alaska, where great Arctic ice-fields blocked the passage from

ocean to ocean. It was here, in 1778, that Webber sketched a party from H.M.S. Resolution shooting "Sea Horses" for his painting exhibited at the Royal Academy.

The disappointed explorers had to turn southwards again, and it was during the return journey that Captain Cook was killed by the natives in Kealakekua Bay, Hawaii. John Webber, who witnessed the tragedy, has recorded it in a famous picture.

On returning to England Webber completed his sketches as illustrations for the official account of the expedition, published in 1784.

From that year until his death in 1793 John Webber exhibited landscapes at the Royal Academy, and many of them belong to the Admiralty. The National Portrait Gallery, too, has another of his works—the portrait of his beloved leader, Captain Cook.

MOVING A CHURCH

One of Yorkshire's ancient churches—St. Andrew's, Ferrybridge—is to be dismantled and rebuilt half a mile away. The work is due to begin next month and is expected to take 18 months.

The church was built in Norman times on low-lying ground and has sometimes been flooded to a depth of three feet.

The Buckinghams at Ravenswyke

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town on the other side of the river. Charles showed them the little shops into which he and his father had looked, and then they climbed the 199 steps to the church.

Charles led them to the seat on the edge of the cliff.

"It was while we were sitting here that Father said that one day he would tell me more about his lost years. He was so happy and cheerful. Everything was wonderful until we saw that sailor . . . After we'd sat here for a bit we went over to the abbey ruins."

"Let's eat our sandwiches here," Simon suggested, "and then go down to the inn where you had your lunch. Everything seemed to go wrong after you came out of that place, didn't it?"

"I s'pose it did. I can't remember exactly where we went after the inn, although it was through a lot of oddly-named streets, and we finished up in Rosemary Court. It's a filthy place—not a bit like its name."

"There's rosemary, that's for remembrance," Juliet murmured, avoiding her brother's baleful glance, "Pray, love, remember: and there is pansies, that's for thoughts . . ." Then she turned to Charles impetuously. "We do know how awful this is for you, Charles. We'll stay here with you just as long as we can help you."

CHARLES gulped, turned away so that they should not see his face, and then led them to the abbey ruins. Next they went down the long flight of steps and into the town again and found the inn, and then through the streets behind the quay to the top entrance to Rosemary Court. The

alley was about 50 yards long, with a flight of steps at each end. The left-hand side was a blank wall with several rickety gates leading into backyards of houses backing on the quay. At the lower end, on the right, were two shabby buildings with shops on the ground floor.

"There it is," Charles said, as he led them under an archway. "The first shop. You can see the table of old books still outside."

"Now, Charles," Juliet said as she wrinkled her nose fastidiously, "try to remember everything. Were you looking at a book when the sailor came out? Did you see him properly, and would you know him again? Was there anything about the man you can remember now that you forgot to mention before?"

Charles put a hand over his eyes. "Wait," he whispered. "I'm remembering something. I did just see him and he did remind me of somebody vaguely . . . Wait, Julie . . . I've got it . . . I know who he was like."

Suddenly Juliet grabbed his arm, laughed loudly and in a silly, unnatural voice said:

"All right, Charles. That's enough. Don't stand there dreaming. Let's get down to the quay."

As soon as they were out of sight and hearing of the shop, in the sunshine, she went on: "Sorry about that. Did I sound an awful fool? I thought we ought to move before Charles told us what he remembered as there was a nasty old man with horrible-looking red hair staring at us through the half-open door. I'm sure he was trying to hear what you were saying."

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SMUGGLER'S CAVE TRACKED

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Local tradition says that smugglers once used the passage that led from Reighton Hall to the old Dottrell Inn in the village, and above-ground investigators enabled the course of this secret way to be followed across fields, over tracks, and through meadows to the 18th-century inn.

There, the landlord disclosed a little wooden door in the floor of the parlour, which was certainly a passage entrance. But the underground way could not immediately be explored because there was five feet of water in it. Further investigations may be carried out.

STAMP NEWS

NEW Portuguese stamps show exhibits in the National Coach Museum, Lisbon. One of the coaches depicted is over 350 years old.

BIBLE DAY was marked in Brazil recently with a new stamp.

A NEW Turkish set commemorates the work being done by the United Nations in the Mediterranean.

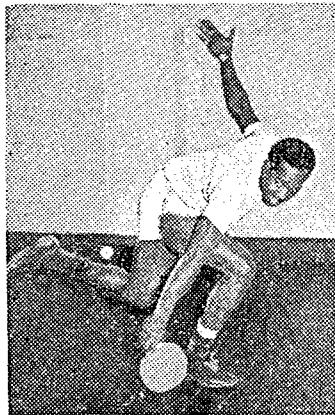
JAMAICA is issuing two stamps to commemorate the first Caribbean Jamboree at Kingston, in March, at which eight King's Scouts will represent Britain.

THE first stamps issued by the new State of Libya are those of Cyrenaica overprinted "Libya" in Arabic and English.

SPORTS SHORTS

D. H. BAREFORD, of Victoria Park Harriers, believes that variety is the spice of life. In 1949 he began sprinting and won the Middlesex 100 yards title; last year he turned to the pentathlon (five different events) and won the county championship; and now he has set himself a target of 49 seconds for the quarter-mile. If he succeeds he may find himself in our Olympics team, for the standard laid down is 49.2 seconds.

MCDONALD BAILEY plays table tennis as part of his training for the Olympics, because the game calls for speed of movement and mental alertness. But



"Mac," who is being coached by Peggy Franks, English international, is making such progress that he may enter for some of our tournaments next season.

ROY GOULDEN, 14-year-old son of the former West Ham, Chelsea, and England international inside-forward, is now making his mark with the Ilford Schools team. Next month he is due to play at inside-right for the South against the North, in the international trial match at Bournville, and if he gains his English Schools cap he will be following in the footsteps of his father and one of his uncles.

NOT FOR SALE

A few days ago a man called at the Rotherham Borough Engineer's offices to inquire whether they had any steamrollers for sale.

He said he had worked on colliery winding engines all his life, and had made a hobby of "anything to do with steam engines." He had seen one of the council's steamrollers on the road and wanted a specimen to complete his collection.

It was with regret that the officials had to refuse his request.

AMBASSADOR OF SCOUTING

Once again Lord Rowallan is on his travels in the cause of Scouting.

He is now on a tour which includes visiting Scouts in Bermuda, Nassau, Trinidad, Barbados, and Belize, and which will culminate at the Caribbean Jamboree at Kingston in March.

Lord Rowallan has travelled nearly 120,000 miles since he became Chief Scout in 1945.

THE South Africans presented a Springbok head to the first team to lower their colours—the London Counties XV, who were in fact the only team to beat them. They also presented a head to the "best losers," Cardiff being their choice.

"ONE of the reasons why Australia can turn out a stream of world-beating players," said Lieut. Colonel Duncan Macaulay, secretary of the All-England Club, "is their floodlit courts. There is a tennis court in almost every other road—and they are all floodlit for play after dark." The colonel had just returned from a round-the-world good will tennis tour.

VISITORS to Lord's may yet see cricketers playing in bare feet. An official of the Colonial Office on leave from Fiji is trying to arrange a tour of Fijian cricketers, who scorn shoes and only occasionally wear pads.

SOCCER on stilts is certainly something new, but it seems to have become popular in Nagpur. The M.C.C. cricketers touring in India were enthusiastic about it. Stilt-soccer is played by teams of six—side with a small football, but the rules are those of our own soccer.

Six or seven years ago teen-ager Audrey Barrett was a promising junior tennis player; but she preferred golf and obtained tuition from Cecil Denny, the professional at Thorpe Hall, Essex. She has since become captain of the Essex Ladies team and an English international. Now she and Cecil Denny are engaged to be married.

HELEN FLETCHER and Pat Ward, two of our most promising lawn tennis players, will be competing in the American Indoor Championships which begin this weekend. After the Wightman Cup match in America the two girls stayed to be coached by the famous Eleanor "Teach" Tennant. They have made great progress.

POSTMISTRESS AT 16

A few weeks ago Kirkby Malham was a sleepy Yorkshire village without a shop. Today, not only has it a shop, but may well claim that it also has the youngest shopkeeper and postmistress in the British Isles.

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THE BRAN TUB

INTERESTING POINT

ON school visiting day father had been taken into the chemistry class.

"They are looking for a universal solvent," the master told him. "What's that?" asked father.

"It's a liquid that will dissolve anything," explained the master.

Father thought for a moment and then said: "What will they put it in when they've found it?"

Riddle-my-town

MY first's in face but not in feature;

My next's in prophet and in preacher;

My third's in wave but not in billow;

My fourth's in bolster, not in pillow;

My fifth's in tea but not in coffee;

My sixth's in both sweet and toffee;

My last's in air but not in ditty—
"Cheerful Charlie's" favourite city?

Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is low in the south-west and Uranus is in the south.

In the morning Venus is low in the south-east and Mars and Saturn are in the south-west.

The picture shows the Moon at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning, February 17.



BEDTIME CORNER

Billy lends a hand

BILLY was feeling very proud of himself. Daddy, who was painting the kitchen woodwork, had said that he could help.

Mummy had made him put on his oldest clothes, and had covered the floor where he was painting with newspapers; now he was as happy and as busy as could be.

Of course, it was only the undercoat he was putting on, but it was important work, just the same—Daddy had said so.

Billy worked on steadily, not putting too much paint on his brush, just as Daddy had shown

him, and spreading it evenly over the surface. He was most careful to avoid the walls.

At last he finished, and stepped back to admire his work.

"How's that, Daddy?" he asked.

"Why, that's fine, son," said Daddy, looking up. "It's . . ." Then he stopped and smiled. "There's just one thing—how do we get out?"

Billy looked at the door—and blushed. In his enthusiasm he had painted right across the door—handle and all!

Stable friends

I HAVE four very special friends; the biggest is old Ned,

A shaggy cart-horse, stout and strong, who loves a crust of bread.

And by his side stands Silver Bell, a speedy, dappled grey; She has a simply splendid tail, for swishing flies away.

A small black pony is the third, his name is Jolly Joe.

He likes to crunch up apples, and he's fat and rather slow.

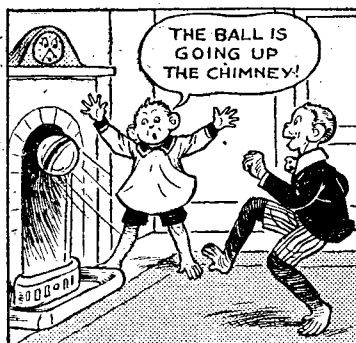
A piebald mare named Blanche comes last, she's Farmer's joy and pride;

But which of these I like the best I never can decide.

BUBBLING OVER WITH FUN



BLACK MARKS FOR JACKO AND BABY



Football is a good game, but it should never be played indoors.

NOT QUITE WHAT HE MEANT

THE house agent was using his best sales talk on a new client. "Here we are, sir," he said, indicating a photograph of a fine-looking villa in the country, "flawless."

"What, then, are we expected to walk on?" asked the client.

Milk and cream

ASK your friends which is the heavier: a pint of milk or a pint of cream. They will invariably say cream, because it is thicker. But this is not so. Cream floats on milk and, therefore, must be lighter.

HE WAS LUCKY

THE colonel had just returned from a tiger-hunting expedition in India. "Any luck?" he was asked at his club.

"Yes," said he. "We didn't see one."



And that was the opinion of Jacko, too, after he had lost the ball.

Double meanings

The two missing words are pronounced the same, but have different meanings. What are they?

THE nest was hidden in the —

"A good thing, too," thought

Kay.

"For sad to say one often —

Boys take the eggs away."

Reeds, reads.

RIGHT!

EXPLAINING the mysteries of simple subtraction, the teacher said: "You have ten fingers. Suppose you had three fewer. What would you have then?"

"No music lessons!" promptly replied young Peter.

Kindly Kreecher



To dole out soup
To battered nails
Is the good deed of
The Monkapaes

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked together, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second, and so on.

1. Plant with fragrant flowers; extract obtained from its bean is used as flavouring in ices, chocolates, and cakes.

2. The capital and chief port of Nigeria; it stands on an island and is connected by a bridge with the mainland; has large docks and handles a considerable export trade.

3. The largest species of bird, native of South Africa; it is bred for its feathers, although not now as fashionable as they used to be; it is a swift runner.

4. English poet (1340-1400); soldier, diplomat, and "Civil Servant," but more famed for his Canterbury Tales.

Answer next week



Not to mention the sweep! "Most unsuitable game," he said.

Seal of fame

AN angler fishing at Deal
Was pulled in the sea by an eel.

But he soon reappeared,
And the onlookers cheered,
When they saw he was riding a seal.

Two birds with one stone

PASSING a piece of wedding cake to little Doreen, the bride said: "Your dreams will come true if you put that under your pillow tonight."

"I'd much rather eat it and put my tummy under the pillow," muttered Doreen.

RIDDLE-IN-RHYME

FRISKY young horses give my first,

My second may have toes.

My whole's a pretty yellow flower,

Which in the springtime grows.

Answer next week

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FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

DESTRUCTIVE MICE. Several branches of the elder bush were scarred white where strips of bark had been removed.

"Looks as though something has been gnawing at it," suggested Don to Farmer Gray.

"Mice, probably," agreed the farmer. "I hope they stay here and keep well away from my garden."

"Why, what harm would they do there?" asked Don.

"They play havoc with the flowers," replied the farmer. "Not only do small blooms like crocuses vanish, but tulips too. Climbing a 30-inch stalk to nibble off the flower-head is a simple matter to Master Mouse."

Jumbled programmes

Here are a number of popular radio programmes which have been jumbled up. Can you untangle their names?

1. TFHKEREREAMIOT.
2. WUKMSHLYOCHROEUW.
3. LYWTHSHTNIOEIEFL.
4. GHYRSULAAA.
5. WSLYPTAIMEORRKE.
6. THHTSRENELIWIMO.

Answer next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Ben Jonson's riddle
A ditch.

Chain quiz
Egypt, Ptolemy,
Mysore, Rembrandt.

Riddle-in-rhyme
Wryneck.

Riddle-my-town
Maidstone.

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